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ROTARY SHAFT AXIAL ELONGATION  
MEASURING METHOD AND DEVICE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced U.S. patent application please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

8. (Amended) A rotary shaft axial elongation measuring device as claimed in Claim 2, wherein said sensor is any one of a capacitance type gap sensor, an eddy current gap sensor and a photoelectric sensor.

Please add the following new claims:

9. A rotary shaft axial elongation measuring device as claimed in Claim 3, wherein said sensor is any one of a capacitance type gap sensor, an eddy current gap sensor and a photoelectric sensor.